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For	: DIAL-UP INTERNET FACSIMILE APPARATUS		

**RESPONSE INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of February 26, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein contained remarks, or, in the alternative, withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding Official Action.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant wishes to make of record a telephone interview conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner Thomas J. Lett who is in charge of the present application. Applicant respectfully thanks Examiner Lett for his courtesy and for his cooperation during the noted interview, which took place on April 25, 2007.

During the above noted interview, Applicant respectfully requested clarification of the rejection set forth in the outstanding Official Action. Applicant further noted that the finality of the outstanding Official Action was inappropriate in view of the fact that in the last Response (filed on November 17, 2006) Applicant incorporated features from dependent claims, which were indicated to be allowable, into the respective independent claims. Accordingly, the Amendments included in Applicant's prior Response could not have necessitated the rejections. Additionally, since the Examiner's outstanding Official Action withdrew the Allowability of previously indicated to be allowable claims, for this additional reason finality of the outstanding Official Action is inappropriate.

During the above noted interview, the Examiner noted Applicant's concerns and indicated what they would be considered and responded to. Accordingly, the present paper is being filed in order to make Applicant's concern of record and to make of record the telephone interview conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative and the Examiner in charge of the present application on April 25, 2007.


Additionally, Applicant submits that at least for the reasons set forth in the previously filed Response of November 17, 2006, all the claims in the present application are allowable over the references of record.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, or, in the alternative, reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding Official Action. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate, at least for the reasons set forth above.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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